

IN THE SPECIFICATION**Please amend the specification as follows:**

C4 At Page 3, please replace Line 30 with the following: --present invention comprises a backsheet of substantially fluid impervious material having at least one discontinuity therein--

At Page 7, Line 6, please replace "opening 41" with --aperture 44-- following "forms" and preceding "and", at Line 15, please replace "opening 41" with --aperture 44-- following "through" and preceding ".", at Line 19, please replace "opening 41" with --aperture 44-- following "over" and preceding "by", and at Line 24, please replace "from" with --through-- following "replaceable" and preceding "the".

At Page 8, Line 17, please delete the word "backsheet" preceding "opening".

At Page 9, Line 16, please delete the word "backsheet" preceding "opening", and at Line 19, please replace "41" with --44--.

At Page 12, Line 6, please replace please replace "opening 41" with --aperture 44-- following "an" and preceding "which", and please replace "opening 41" with --aperture 44-- following "of" and preceding ".".

C5 At Page 20, please replace Lines 19-21 with the following: --additive binder means are disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,800,416 issued to Seger et al. on September 1, 1998, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.-- and at Line 26, please replace "forma" with --form a-- following "to" and preceding "wet".

At Page 22, Line 25, please replace "Seger '630 patent application" with --Seger '416 patent--

C6 At Page 23, please replace Lines 34-37 with the following: --5,387,207 issued to Dyer et al. on February 7, 1995, and U.S. Patent 5,650,222 issued to DesMarais et al. on July 22, 1997, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

C7 At Page 24, following Line 14 and preceding Line 15, please insert the following: --The capillary suction specific surface area is particularly relevant to whether adequate capillary pressures are developed within the foam structure to keep it in a collapsed state until wetted with adequate bodily fluids. The capillary pressure developed within the foam structure is proportional to the capillary suction specific surface area. The absorbent polymeric foam materials suitable for use as a